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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of August 4, 2005, Applicant requests that the subject application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.